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## Heritage Mills Acquires Historical and Rare Equipment

Sue Richardson-Daniels of Weathersfield, Board Member of Northern Heritage Mills (A

non-profit educational organization) is unloading a rare wooden, flour sifting machine that was re-

cently delivered to Tyler Mills in Claremont. This beautiful and historic "cabinet grade" machine was built by a master cabinet maker in 1920.

Besides its historic and aesthetic value, this machine is still fully operational, and is used for grading flour after being ground into a grist mill. The durable and sturdy frame of this unique device is made from hardwood, mortised, tenoned and held together with joint bolts. When running, different grades of ground flour are separated into compartments on the bottom of the unit,

then packaged separately.

This amazing device was actively used by a grist mill in Vermont before the owners decided to sell it to a museum. When it went to the museum auction, it was spotted as historic technology by Mr. Gerry DeMuro of South Acworth, NH, who immediately purchased it, and then donated it to Northern Heritage Mills, of which he is the Board Chair.

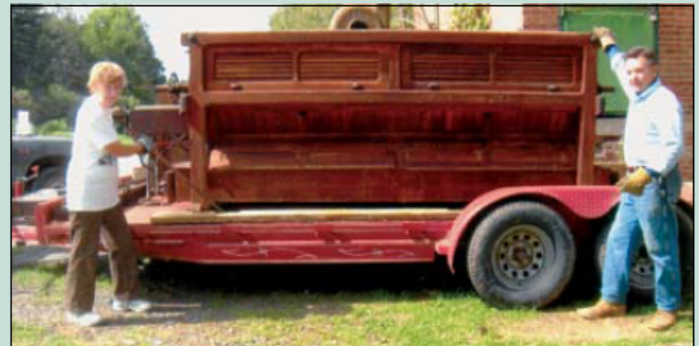
Sue Richardson-Daniels, who was the lead educational historian-archeologist for the

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historic Windsor, Vermont, Oliver Evens Grist Mill Dig in 1978, is now the coordinator to reestablish a small working gristmill in Claremont. The overarching educational goal of this gristmill project is to help reconnect young people and students to more full appreciate hands-on programs and the field of Environmental Engineering.

It is expected that this unique device, along with other historic machines, will be integrally used in a number of hands-on programs that will act to facilitate the central focus of Heritage Mills: to encourage and provide inspiration, as well as the development of innovative local manufacturing skills in the green rural economy.